

THE QUERY DEPARTMENT.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS RECEIVED FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Which is Correct?

Which is the correct quotation—"A dog that will fetch a bone will carry one," or "A dog that will carry a bone will fetch?"

The first form has the endorsement of common usage.

From Butter Milk—Cheese.

Please tell me how cheese is made from butter milk?

Use the milk just as you would use any other milk. You will have to add cream, for though butter milk contains casein and other elements needed in cheese-making, all the oil has been taken out of it.

Quarantine on Cattle.

Will you kindly tell me through the columns of The Times, what the law is governing the quarantine on the cattle in Chesterfield county?

All cattle south of James river are quarantined now, the law to hold good until November 15th next.

Where They Are.

Please answer the following in your Query Column, as soon as possible:

There are two congregational churches in Virginia. Can you tell me where they are situated, and if possible the names of the pastors, with addresses, and oblige. The two churches to which you refer are, we believe, located at Falls Church and Herndon, Fairfax county.

Rev. G. L. Bitzer, Leesburg, Va., can give you full information regarding the names and addresses of the pastors of the churches.

Emmett's Fate.

Was Robert Emmet hung or beheaded?

Emmet was hanged on September 20, 1805, in St. Thomas street, Dublin.

The More Valuable.

Which is the more valuable, platinum or gold?

Gold, although platinum at times has exceeded it in value. Platinum fluctuates in value commercially, very greatly.

Chinese and Others.

Are there more Chinamen in the world than all the rest of the population combined?

No. The earth's population, in round numbers, is 1,779,000,000, and China's is 400,000,000.

To Polish Deer Horns.

How am I to polish up a pair of deer horns?

Scrape them with glass, then rub with pumice stone and oil, using a chamois skin as a buffer and plenty of "yellow grease," and polish with oil alone.

Indian Agencies.

How many Indian agencies are there? What is the pay of an Indian agent?

There are fifty-four agencies and five places in charge of clerks who are agents practically. The pay of an agent varies from \$1,000 a year to \$1,800, depending on the importance of the agency.

Macao.

Was Macao first or second in command of the Cuban army?

Antonio Macao held an independent command in the Cuban army, with the rank of Lieutenant-General. The commander-in-chief of the Cuban army, however, is Maximilian Gomez, who has the rank of General. Macao was next in command to Gomez.

Length of a Knot.

What is the length of a knot, nautical measurement?

If you mean the division of a log-line, a knot is 4 1/2 feet when a 28 second glass is used, or 30 1/2 feet when a thirty second glass is used. From a knot meaning a nautical mile, it is one sixtieth of a degree of the earth's equator; that is, 6,087 feet.

Carnot the Man.

Has France had a martyred President?

Martin Francois Sadi-Carnot, President of the French Republic, elected 1887, was murdered by an anarchist named Jean-Baptiste Sante, July 24, 1894. He might be called France's martyred President. Sadi-Carnot was born at Limoges in August, 1837, and was an engineer by profession.

Where They Live.

Where do these persons live? Gladstone, Kipling, and J. K. Jerome?

Mr. Gladstone's address is Hawarden Castle, Hawarden, Flintshire, Wales. Rudyard Kipling is travelling and should be addressed through his publishers (Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, are his American publishers). Jerome should be addressed as "The Editor of The Idler," London, England.

Wanted—Raven's Significance.

What is the significance of the raven in Poe's poem?

We don't know that it had any special significance. The raven is a bird of ill-omen; a bird of the night; it flitted into the circumstances created by Poe in his poem. It was in exact harmony with the gloom and mystery of the piece.

How Written.

Under what conditions was the hymn "Lead, Kindly Light" written by Cardinal Newman?

It was written on shipboard during his trip in the Mediterranean in 1841, after a severe storm of wind. At the time Newman was in great distress of mind over his spiritual welfare, but was still a clergyman of the Established Church of England. The hymn was a prayer for spiritual guidance, as well as for actual and guidance, through a storm.

Eye Flirtation.

What is the eye flirtation? What is meant by raising the eye-brows?

We find no mention of any "eye flirtation" in a book which we regard as an authority on the subject of flirtations, etc. We don't believe that is in any other book. The eye-brows are raised in a variety of eye signals, because the management of the eyes is difficult, and so easy to mislead. Raising the eye-brows indicates astonishment, disapproval, indifference, anger, insolence—the meaning depends on the way the eye-brows are raised.

Common Law Wife.

What is meant by a "common law wife?" What has become of the immigration bill?

A "common law wife" is a woman who having lived with a man with intent to marry to him, claims to be his wife under the rule of the common law that holds that a man having introduced or spoken of a woman as his wife, by that act makes her his wife and cannot deny that she is his wife. The immigration bill was vetoed by President Cleveland.

Woman Suffrage.

In the States where woman suffrage is legal, which class predominates in the majority of votes cast, the ignorant or the educated?

Consequently the ignorant, just as in every other State; for there are always more ignorant persons than there are educated persons. The vote in woman suffrage States is about as in other States; the woman's vote, as a rule, swells the total, without changing the character perceptibly. At the recent Colorado election, however, the woman's vote was cast for "reform" and carried the day.

Child Labor in England.

Can a child in England that passes the fourth standard at the age of fourteen go to work full time?

We think so. Eleven years is the minimum age of exemption; and a child is supposed to pass one standard each year. A certain amount of leeway is allowed, however, and the fourth standard is the standard of the seven standards set forth by the elementary education act may then, if of age to come within the labor enactments, work full time.

Constitutional Amendments.

If a constitutional convention is held and the convention made changes or

amendments, and it goes to the people to be ratified, do they vote upon the proposed constitution by clauses or sections; that is, strike out any objectionable section and vote for the rest? If not, why not?

The law under which the constitutional convention is held would probably state how the constitution would be submitted to the people. As a rule, the people would vote on it as a whole, to vote on each section would be practically impossible.

Three of Them.

1. How large was the bond issue of 1867? 2. How are Congressional districts formed? 3. What labor troubles occurred in 1897?

1. The two issues amounted to \$112,213,000 worth of bonds and brought \$122,647,500. 2. Congress decides how many representatives each State shall have; the various States divide themselves into the required number of districts. 3. In July occurred the Homestead strike and riots at Homestead, Pennsylvania; a week later, riots at the Coeur d'Alene mines in Idaho; the Switchmen's strike at Buffalo, New York, was in August.

No Extradition Treaties.

What countries have no extradition treaties with the United States?

The United States has extradition treaties with practically all civilized countries. These are the countries with which we have such treaties, with the dates of their making: Great Britain, 1842-1850; France, 1843-1845-1858-1862; Hawaiian Islands, 1849; Switzerland, 1850; German Confederation, 1852; Austria, 1856; Sweden and Norway, 1860-1862; Mexico, 1861; Haiti, 1864; Dominican Republic, 1867; Italy, 1868-1869-1884; San Salvador, 1870; Nicaragua, 1870; Orange Free State, 1871; Ecuador, 1872; Turkey, 1874; Spain, 1877-1882; Belgium, 1882; Japan, 1885; Holland, 1887; Colombia, 1888; Russia, 1893, and a few less important countries.

Blind Tom.

What became of Blind Tom, the negro pianist? Who were the jurymen who

convicted Cluvarius, the murderer of Lillian Madison?

He is living in New Jersey, at Navesink Highlands, under the care of the widow of John W. Bethune, and now Tom's guardian for many years, and who herself his legal guardian. The Cluvarius jury was made up of these persons: Henry Keppeler, foreman; William H. Parker, John P. Heath, William D. Trice, Carter Harrison, S. J. Davis, all of Richmond, D. W. French, J. E. Sherwood, W. Throck, F. A. Howell, C. E. French, W. H. P. Berkeley, all of Alexandria.

Foreigners in the United States.

1. What steps are necessary for a foreigner to become a citizen of the United States? 2. Is there any examination before the so-called second paper is issued by the District Judge? 3. If so, what questions are generally asked?

1. The law requires an alien who desires to be naturalized to appear at a court authorized to admit persons to citizenship (practically every court of record) and to declare upon oath his intention to become a citizen. This must be done, as a rule, at least two years before he applies for full naturalization. At least two years after making this declaration he appears before the same court, and swears to support the constitution of the United States and renounces allegiance by name to the potentate whose subject he had been. He must take a person with him who can swear to his fitness to become a citizen. 2. There is no appointed examination, but the judge at the final application may learn for himself if the applicant is fit, and in some States certain judges who knew no English and knew nothing about this country, its form of government, or the rights and duties of citizens. 3. There is no stated examination, the questions bear on a man's knowledge of the country and its government.

In New York on the night of May 1st there will be speaking in Union square from the cottage at that place and from two trucks. Speeches will be made in English, German, Italian and Hebrew.

PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, A. D. 1896, OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF PHILADELPHIA, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, MADE TO THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, IN PURSUANCE OF THE LAWS OF SAID STATE.

Attorney for Service of Process in Virginia, William Talley, R. Dale Benson, President, W. Gardner Crowell, Secretary, Principal office, 510 Walnut street, Philadelphia. Organized or incorporated, March, 1825; commenced business, April, 1825.

I. CAPITAL.

Whole amount of joint stock or guaranteed capital authorized \$400,000 00

Whole amount of capital stock actually paid up in cash \$400,000 00

II. ASSETS.

Value of real estate owned by the company (less Nil, the amount of encumbrances thereon) \$184,500 00

Loans on bond and mortgage (duly recorded and being first liens on the fee simple, upon which not more than one year's interest is due, \$84,570 00

Loans on bond and mortgage (duly recorded, upon which more than one year's interest is due of which Nil is in process of foreclosure) 41,500 00

Interest due on all said bond and mortgage loans, \$4,252 50; interest accrued thereon, \$3,541 10; total 7,793 60

Value of lands mortgaged, exclusive of buildings and personal property improvements; value of buildings mortgaged (insured for \$967,000 as collateral); total value of said mortgaged premises \$1,197,530 00

ACCOUNT OF STOCKS, BONDS AND TREASURY NOTES OF THE UNITED STATES, AND OF THIS AND OF OTHER STATES, AND ALSO OF STOCKS AND BONDS OF INCORPORATED CITIES, AND THIS STATE AND OF ALL OTHER CITIES AND STOCKS OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY.

United States 4 per cent. loan \$100,000 00

United States 5 per cent. loan 50,000 00

Philadelphia city loan 17,000 00

Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company first mortgage 4 per cent. loan 100,000 00

Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad 4 per cent. loan 15,000 00

Philadelphia and Erie Railroad general mortgage 5 per cent. loan 75,000 00

Pennsylvania Railroad consolidated 5 per cent. loan 71,000 00

Pennsylvania Railroad consolidated mortgage 6 per cent. loan 28,000 00

Easton and Amboy Railroad Company consolidated 5 per cent. loan 50,000 00

Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company consolidated 7 per cent. loan 20,000 00

Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company first mortgage 6 per cent. loan 17,500 00

Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company general mortgage 4 per cent. loan 50,000 00

Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company third preference 5 per cent. loan 6,000 00

Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company improvement mortgage 6 per cent. loan 25,000 00

Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company first mortgage 5 per cent. loan 100,000 00

Elmira and Western Railroad Company first mortgage 6 per cent. loan 55,000 00

New Jersey Railroad Company first mortgage 7 per cent. loan 20,000 00

Pennsylvania and New York Canal and Railroad Company 7 per cent. loan 20,000 00

Pennsylvania and New York Canal and Railroad Company consolidated mortgage 7 per cent. loan 75,000 00

Pennsylvania and New York Canal and Railroad Company consolidated mortgage 8 per cent. loan 25,000 00

Pennsylvania and New York Canal and Railroad Company first mortgage 9 per cent. loan 60,000 00

Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad Company first mortgage 6 per cent. loan 12,000 00

Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad Company general mortgage 6 per cent. loan 100,000 00

Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company first mortgage 7 per cent. loan 100,000 00

The Jacksonville, Louisville and St. Louis Railroad Company first mortgage 6 per cent. loan 32,000 00

Jacksonville Southeastern Railway Company first mortgage 8 per cent. loan 11,000 00

Shamokin, Scranton and Lewisburg Railroad 6 per cent. loan 10,000 00

Central, Cowanque and Antrim Railroad Company 6 per cent. loan 2,000 00

Terre Haute and Indianapolis Railroad Company 6 per cent. loan 50,000 00

New York and Long Branch Railroad first mortgage 5 per cent. loan 25,000 00

St. Paul and Northern Pacific Railroad Company 6 per cent. loan 50,000 00

Lehigh Valley Coal Company first mortgage 5 per cent. loan 48,500 00

Pittsburg, McKeesports and Youghioghezy Railroad Company second mortgage 6 per cent. loan 20,000 00

Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company 7 per cent. loan 50,000 00

Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railroad Company general mortgage 6 per cent. loan 20,000 00

Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad Company consolidated mortgage 5 per cent. loan 21,000 00

New York and Western Railroad Company first mortgage 5 per cent. loan 60,000 00

Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Company consolidated second mortgage 7 per cent. loan 50,000 00

Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company first mortgage 6 per cent. loan 70,000 00

Delaware Division Canal Company 6 per cent. loan 25,000 00

Car Trust of New York, N. Y. 2 1/2 per cent. loan 4,000 00

St. Louis city 6 per cent. loan 25,000 00

Cincinnati city 7 1/2 per cent. loan 28,000 00

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City of Springfield (Ill.) funding bonds, 5 per cent. loan 35,000 00

City of Dayton (O.) 5 per cent. loan	25,000 00	25,000 00
City of Quincy (Ill.) 4 1/2 per cent. loan	25,000 00	25,000 00
City of St. Louis (Mo.) 5 per cent. loan	19,500 00	19,500 00
Kansas City (Kan.) Internal improvement bonds, 7 per cent. loan	6,000 00	6,000 00
Newark City (N. J.) 5 per cent. loan	12,000 00	12,000 00
Wabash Railroad Company second mortgage 5 per cent. loan	20,000 00	14,000 00
Pittsburg Junction Terminal Company first mortgage 5 per cent. loan	25,000 00	25,000 00
New York and New York Railroad Company first mortgage 5 per cent. loan	15,000 00	15,000 00
Northern Central Railroad Company consolidated mortgage 6 per cent. loan	19,000 00	20,700 00
Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company consolidated mortgage 5 per cent. loan	50,000 00	50,000 00
Baltimore Belt Railroad Company first mortgage 5 per cent. loan	50,000 00	65,000 00
West Kentucky General Improvement Company 6 per cent. loan	20,000 00	20,000 00
Atlantic City Railroad Company mortgage 5 per cent. loan	30,000 00	31,200 00
Camden Horse Railroad Company first mortgage 5 per cent. loan	25,000 00	25,750 00
Belleville Central Railroad Company first mortgage third mortgage 5 per cent. gold loan	2,500 00	2,500 00
Evansville and Terre Haute Railroad Company first general mortgage 5 per cent. gold loan	25,000 00	22,500 00
School district of the Borough of Sewickley, Pa., 5 per cent. loan	24,000 00	25,200 00
Philadelphia National Bank—200 shares stock	20,000 00	28,000 00
Belleville Central Railroad Company—40 shares stock	22,000 00	11,000 00
Philadelphia Bourse—19 shares stock	100 00	100 00

Total par and market value (carried out at market value) \$2,838,520 00

ACCOUNT OF STOCKS, BONDS AND ALL OTHER SECURITIES (EXCEPT MORTGAGES) HYPOTHECATED TO THE COMPANY AS COLLATERAL SECURITY FOR CASH ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE COMPANY, WITH THE PAR AND MARKET VALUE OF THE SAME, AND THE AMOUNT LOANED ON EACH.

12 shares Continental Insurance Company of New York \$1,200 \$3,600 \$3,000

10 shares Bank of North America stock 1,000 2,400 1,250

4 shares Bank of North America stock 400 960 500

15 shares Manayunk National Bank stock 1,500 2,700 2,000

20 shares Ninth National Bank stock 2,000 4,200

7 shares Monticello National Bank stock 700 1,075

5 shares Burlington County Safe Deposit and Trust Company stock 250 350 500

5 shares Fire Insurance Company of the County of Philadelphia stock 500 825 600

50 shares Manayunk Trust Company stock 1,250 600

21 shares Insurance Company of North America stock 210 682

62 shares North Pennsylvania Railroad Company stock 3,100 5,146 5,500

129 shares Lehigh Valley Railroad Company stock 62,500 37,500 25,000

9 shares Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives, etc. stock 900 4,500

5 shares Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company stock 500 1,750

4 shares United Canal and Railroad Company of New Jersey stock 400 932 4,000

5 shares Insurance Company of America stock 450 1,420

16 shares Germania Insurance Company of New York stock 1,300 5,400

16 shares First National Bank, Shippensburg, Pa., stock 1,000 3,040 2,300

10 shares Norristown Title, Trust and Safe Deposit Company stock 1,000 6,000 6,500

20 shares Lehigh Valley Railroad Company stock 2,000 6,000

10 shares Huntingdon and Broad Top Railroad Company stock 5,000 2,400 7,400

20 shares Commercial National Bank stock 1,000 600

20 shares Philadelphia Traction Company stock 10,000 13,300 12,000

20 shares Northern Pacific Railroad Company stock 10,000 2,800 25,000

85 shares Security Trust Company stock 4,250 37,362 25,000

10 shares Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company stock 5,000 4,300

10 shares Commonwealth Title Insurance and Trust Company stock 500 670 5,000

11,000 Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company 7 1/2 per cent. loan 1,000 1,100

11,000 Belleville Central Railroad Company first mortgage 4 per cent. loan 1,000 4,000 2,000

25 shares Western National Bank Company stock 1,250 2,000 10,000

50 shares New England Loan and Trust Company stock 5,000 5,000 5,000

5,000 Pullman Railroad Company 5 per cent. loan 2,000 2,000

5,000 Pennsylvania Railroad Company stock 2,000 2,000

60 shares North Pennsylvania Railroad Company stock 2,000 4,500

25,000 Boston United Gas Bonds 7 1/2 per cent. loan 25,000 21,250 21,000

2,000 Washington, Alexandria and Mt. Vernon Electric Railway Company 7 1/2 per cent. loan 2,000 2,000

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